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Abstract

Thirty-two photographs, each approximately 4 x 5 inches, depicting commercial buildings in rural northwestern Ohio with recently installed Central Union Telephone Company telephones.

Creator

Central Union Telephone Company

Extent

0.1 Linear Feet 15 folders

Physical Location

R 44, C 1, S 2

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Historical Information

The Central Union Telephone Company was originally based in Chicago and in 1883 took over the Midland Telephone Company, a Bell organization also based in Chicago. Many Bell patents expired in 1893 and 1894 resulting in an increase of competing telephone companies. By the early 1900s the Central Union Telephone Company was headquartered in Indiana and was organized to develop telephone service in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. Mergers in the telephone industry in the early 1900s resulted in Central Union Telephone becoming part of Indiana Bell, Illinois Bell, and Ohio Bell. In 1920 Central Union Telephone Company was purchased by the Ohio Bell Telephone Company which emerged from the Cleveland Telephone Company. In the 1920s telephone service in Ohio was unified under Ohio Bell.

Scope and Content

Thirty-two photographs, each approximately 4 x 5 inches, depicting commercial buildings in rural northwestern Ohio with recently installed telephones. The Central Union Telephone Company brought local and long distance calling to commercial buildings and advertised the new service with signage. Signs for Central Union can be seen in twenty-seven of the photographs. These photographs could have been used as a way to document their placement. There are a variety of commercial buildings present in the photographs, as well as telephone poles, merchants' signs, displays of goods, customers, horse drawn wagons, and bicycles. Three of the photograph the set up of a telephone operator, as well as three men posing humorously for the camera.

Related Material

The Special Collections Research Center holds many other [photograph collections](#).

Keywords

Advertising -- Telephone companies
Dwellings
Dwellings -- Ohio
Ohio
Photographic prints
Storefronts
Photographs

Alternate Format Available

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Arrangement

Arranged by subject.

Description of Subordinate Components

Midwest commercial architecture photograph collection

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/93815

Unit Date circa 1900s-1910s

Residential building with telephone sign

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/93816

Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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Container 1 (folder)

Storefront with telephone sign

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/93817

Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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Container 1 (folder)

Two-story building

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/93818

Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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Container 2 (folder)

Storefront with four people and telephone sign

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Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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Piper's Grocery storefront

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Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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Lease & Twining storefront

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/93821

Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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Three-story commercial building

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Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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A.D. Baumhart: The Druggist Store

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M.C. Sherman & Co. storefront

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DeWitt storefront

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Wisman & Mohler grocery storefront

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Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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Drugs store

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Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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Commercial building with telephone sign

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Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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Two-story commercial building

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Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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Manning Bros. storefront

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Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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Commercial building

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Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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Laundry office

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/93833

Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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The Crawford County Gas & Electric

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Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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Building with Bell telephone sign

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Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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W.E. Chapple office

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Bank building

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Tschanen Bros. storefront

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Wyckoff Bros. storefront

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Coonrod storefront

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White Star laundry storefront

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F.A. Gonant storefront

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Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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Three men

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Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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Desk with chairs and telephone

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Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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Container 14 (folder)

House with telephone sign

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Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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Container 15 (folder)

House with telephone sign

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/93846

Unit Date 1900s-1910s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Three men goofing around

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/93847

Unit Date 1900s-1910s

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